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1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO
DRS. BOGDANOV, KRINITSKY AND DENISOV AT MINISTRY AGRICULTURE.
IF POSSIBLE, NOTIFY DR. ISRAEL BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE OF
CONTENT OF MESSAGE SINCE WE WILL DISCUSSING MATTER WITH
HIM DURING HIS VISIT. THIS IS INTERIM REPLY TO KRINITSKY-
LINDUSKA LETTER OF MAY 12, BOGDANOV/KRINITSKY-BOHLEN
LETTER OF JUNE 4, AND DENISOV-SKOOG LETTER OF MAY 22.
DETAILED REPLIES WILL BE FORTHCOMING FOLLOWING TALKS WITH
DR. ISRAEL. THIS MESSAGE IS INTENDED TO ALERT SOVIETS TO
CURRENT US THINKING ON TIMING OF VISITS, IN CASE THEY
HAVE VIEWS TO TRANSMIT VIA DR. ISRAEL. MESSAGE FOLLOWS:

2. US OFFICIALS WORKING IN ~~REDACTED~~ PRESERVES/PERMAFROST
AREAS APPRECIATE LETTERS FROM SOVIET PROJECT CHAIRMEN.
THEY REGRET DELAY IN PUTTING FORWARD DETAILED US
POSITIONS ON SOME MATTERS, PARTICULARLY AS CONCERNS
PRESERVES, AND LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING PLANS FOR
FUTURE WORK IN ALL THESE AREAS DURING DR. ISRAEL'S VISIT.
ONE TOPIC WE PLAN TO DISCUSS WITH HIM IS POSSIBLE DESIRABILITY
OF HOLDING AT LEAST PART OF ALL THREE WORKING GROUP
MEETINGS (WILDLIFE, PRESERVES, PERMAFROST) AT SAME TIME.
WHETHER OR NOT WE DECIDE TO DO THIS, IT STILL SEEMS UNLIKELY
THAT US SIDE CAN BE READY TO RECEIVE ANY OF THESE THREE

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GROUPS AS EARLY AS AUGUST. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST TARGET DATE FOR PRESERVES AND PERMAFROST MEETINGS (AND WILDLIFE AS WELL, IF SOVIET SIDE WISHES) IN SEPTEMBER. FOR ALL THREE, WE BELIEVE TWO-WEEK VISITS WOULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE THAN TEN-DAY VISITS. IF SOVIET SIDE WISHES AND TALKS WITH DR. ISRAEL ENCOURAGE IDEA, US OFFICIAL (PERHAPS DR. SKOOG AND/OR DR. TALBOT) MIGHT PAY BRIEF VISIT TO USSR IN JULY OR AUGUST TO MAKE FIRMER PLANS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETINGS. AS FOR WORK PROGRAMS, SUGGESTIONS IN BOGDANOV/KRINITSKY-BOHLEN LETTER SEEM ACCEPTABLE UPON FIRST EXAMINATION, BUT IN VIEW DIFFICULTIES EXPRESSED IN DENISOV-SKOOG LETTER ABOUT US PROPOSALS, DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF PROJECTED WORK PROGRAMS WOULD SEEM TO US DESIRABLE AT THIS STAGE. ROGERS

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